

RESOLUTION 1654

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY AT A SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO IMPOSE A SALES AND USE TAX AT THE RATE OF ONE-TENTH OF ONE PERCENT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PURPOSES; SETTING FORTH THE TEXT OF THE BALLOT PROPOSITION; DIRECTING PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER PROPERLY RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature passed RCW 82.14.450 in 2003 to authorize County legislative authorities to submit propositions to the voters that would authorize an increase in local sales and use tax by up to three-tenths of one percent (0.3%) of the selling price in the case of sales tax, or of the value of the article used in the case of use tax; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature amended this statute in 2010, authorizing cities to levy this local sales and use tax at a rate not to exceed one-tenth of one percent (0.1%), as long as the county in which such city is located is not already levying this tax at a rate of 0.3%; and

WHEREAS, RCW 82.14.450 requires that at least one-third of the revenues from such a tax be used for criminal justice purposes, fire protection purposes, or both; that the tax shall not apply to the retail sales of motor vehicles or lease of motor vehicles for the first 36 months; and that 15% of the proceeds of any tax levied by the city must be given to the county; and

WHEREAS, as the City continues to grow, requests for public safety services have increased; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature expressly found when it passed RCW 82.14.450 that local governments face enormous challenges in the funding of criminal justice services; and

WHEREAS, the City began contracting with the Snoqualmie Police Department in March 2014 for police services and the proceeds received from this sales and use tax would be used to hire an additional police officer, allowing the City to have two police officers on duty for at least 18 hours a day, and would further allow for additional police emphasis patrols when necessary in response to criminal activity in North Bend, including transient camps and drug-related enforcement; and

WHEREAS, proceeds will also enable the City to maintain the current level of Fire services from Eastside Fire & Rescue, as contract costs have increased approximately \$100,000 over the past year; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Bend intends to use all of its portion of the proceeds generated from this sales and use tax for public safety purposes; and

WHEREAS, RCW 82.14.450 states that the passage of this measure requires over 50% approval at a primary or general election, and the general election is November 4, 2014; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the best interests of the residents of the City of North Bend would be served by submitting to the voters the determination of whether or not to authorize a sales and use tax to fund additional criminal justice and fire services;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of North Bend finds that it is in the best interests of the City, for the purpose of providing for part of the funding for criminal justice and fire protection services, to submit to the qualified voters of the City, at a special election held in conjunction with the state general election on November 4, 2014, a proposition authorizing the City to impose and collect a sales and use tax increase at the rate of one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) for the purposes set forth in the ballot proposition set forth below.

Section 2. The Auditor of King County, Washington, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections, is hereby requested to place a proposition on the November 4, 2014 ballot in substantially the following form:

**City of North Bend
Proposition 1
Sales and Use Tax Increase of 0.1% for Public Safety
and Criminal Justice Purposes**

The City Council of the City of North Bend adopted Resolution No. 1654 concerning a sales and use tax increase pursuant to RCW 82.14.450. If approved, this

proposition would authorize the City to impose an additional sales and use tax of 0.1%, split between the City (85%) and King County (15%) as required by state law. City proceeds shall be used for public safety and criminal justice purposes as allowed by RCW 82.14.450. Should this proposition be approved?

YES☐

NO.....☐

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF, THIS 20TH DAY OF MAY, 2014.

CITY OF NORTH BEND:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kenneth G. Hearing, Mayor

Michael R. Kenyon, City Attorney

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Effective: May 20, 2014
Posted: May 21, 2014

Susie Oppedal, City Clerk